# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7233
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DUTY ENTITLEMENT PASS BOOK SCHEME
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether any request has been received by the Government from the Federation of Hotels and Restaurants Association of India (FHRAI) regarding extension of Duty Entitlement Pass Book (DEPB) scheme to the hotel industry besides other export incentives in the forthcoming 2000-01 EXIM Policy;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in the matter ?

## Answer

MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a)&(b) Yes,Sir. The Government had received a request from the Federation of Hotels and Restaurants Association of India (FHRAI) regarding extension of Duty Entitlement Pass Book (DEPB) scheme to the hotel industry. However ,the same was not agreed to as the DEPB benefit is allowed to be availed only against the exports of goods and not of services.

(c) The Government does not intend to extend the DEPB benefit against the export of services.